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1. AUGUST 15 NHAN DAN COMMENTARY TRANSMITTED VNA IN ENGLISH (FBIS OKINAWA B151720) ONCE AGAIN DENOUNCED SEPTEMBER 11 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN NOW STANDARD TERMS, CALLING THEM "TRAGEDY OF U.S. COLONIALISM."

2. NHAN DAN SAW ELECTIONS AS "CLOAK" TO HIDE U.S. "NEOCOLONIALIST POLICY" AND AS MEANS SO "PUPPET ADMINISTRATION" CAN BETTER SERVE AMERICANS. COMMENTING ON GVN ELECTION LAW, WHICH PROHIBITS COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS FROM VOTING, PAPER NOTED THAT "ALL PATRIOTIC PEOPLE" ARE EXCLUDED AND ADDED THAT EVEN WITHOUT THIS PROVISION "PEOPLE" WILL NOT TAKE PART IN VOTING BUT, ON CONTRARY, WILL BOYCOTT ELECTIONS.

3. PERHAPS MOST UNUSUAL TWIST TO NHAN DAN COMMENTARY WAS PAPER'S ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN DIVERGENCE BETWEEN VC'S CLAIM OF "LIBERATING" TOTAL OF TEN MILLION PEOPLE IN SVN AND FACT THAT NEARLY FIVE MILLION INDIVIDUALS ARE ON VOTERS' LISTS IN U.S./GVN "TEMPORARILY CONTROLLED" AREAS OF SVN. HANOI REVERTED TO TYPICAL EXPLANATION, STATING THAT VOTERS' LISTS WERE "SIMPLY INVENTED" BY GVN.

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4. COMMENT: NHAN DAN'S COMMENTS ON ELECTORAL LAW EXCLUSIONS SHOWS THAT EVEN IF THIS SECTION HAD NOT BEEN PART OF SUFFRAGE LAW, VC AND SYMPATHIZERS WOULD STILL NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ELECTIONS AND FURTHERMORE REVEALS NVN REGIME'S UNFAMILIARITY OR PERHAPS DESIRE TO CONVEY UNFAMILIARITY WITH GVN ELECTORAL LAW IN CLAIMING THAT COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM VOTING. LODGE
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